# CHILDREN'S GARDEN

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I was still a little kid when it happened, so I don't remember much about either my mom or brother.
My dad tells me though that me and my brother used to play together a lot.

....Oh,

but

I do have

one memory.

In it, my dad's carrying Mugi in his arms.

but Mugi's crying.

My dad's laughing.

I don't know why,
but he's crying.

ULCER...?
A DUODENAL...

—IS THAT A FORM OF CANCER?
NO, IT'S NOT.
IT'S SOMETHING THAT DEVELOPS OUT OF STRESS.
IT'LL HEAL AS SOON AS YOU TAKE MEDICINE FOR IT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO TAKE IT A BIT EASY FOR A WHILE
IT'S A GOOD THING WE CAUGHT IT EARLY
OH SO...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO DIE ?
NO, YOU WON'T
YOU WON'T DIE

STOP THAT.
IT'S BECAUSE I TOLD HIM WHAT I DID THAT...
pat
WAHH
Ah... my back's starting to hurt
I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE COULD'VE GONE...
IT'S NO USE...
We searched
AH!
GA-DUMP!
"FUSE-SAN"!
HUH?!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT
for Mugi, who went missing
WE CAN CALL THE SCHOOL!
BUT I DON'T KNOW HER PHONE NUMBER...
HELLO?
BUT IT'S NIGHT... I'LL TRY CALLING HER IN THE MORNING
OH,
NO, HE HASN'T BEEN HERE
MUGI?
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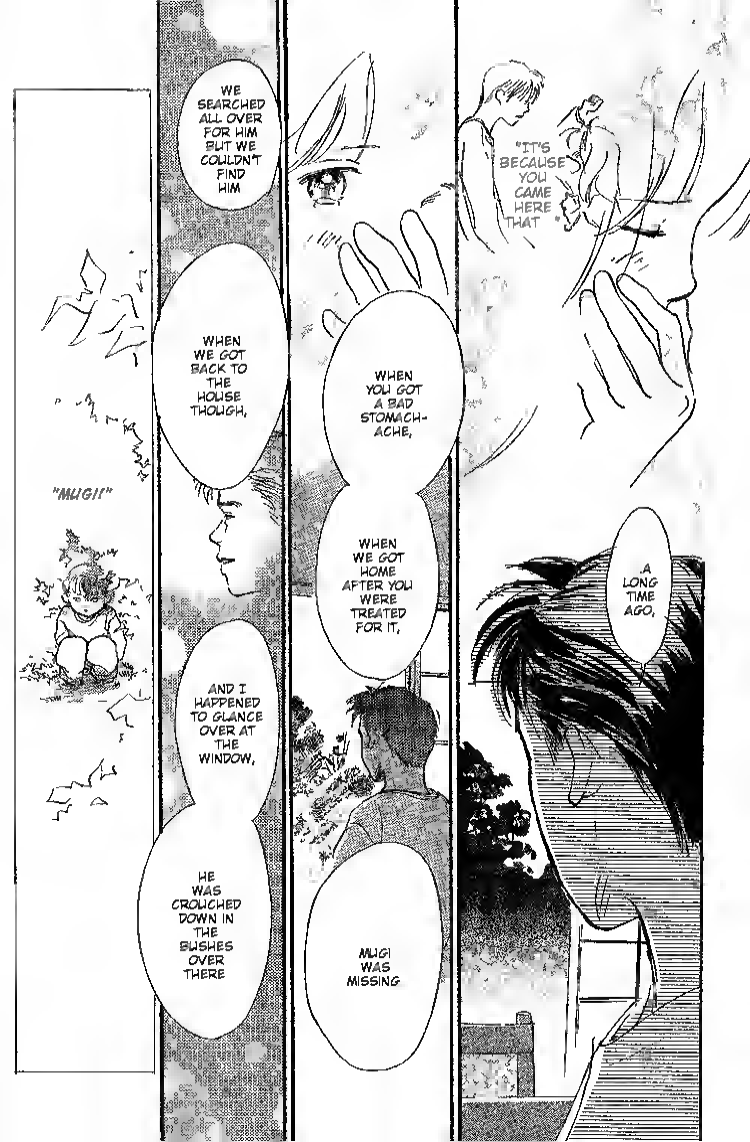
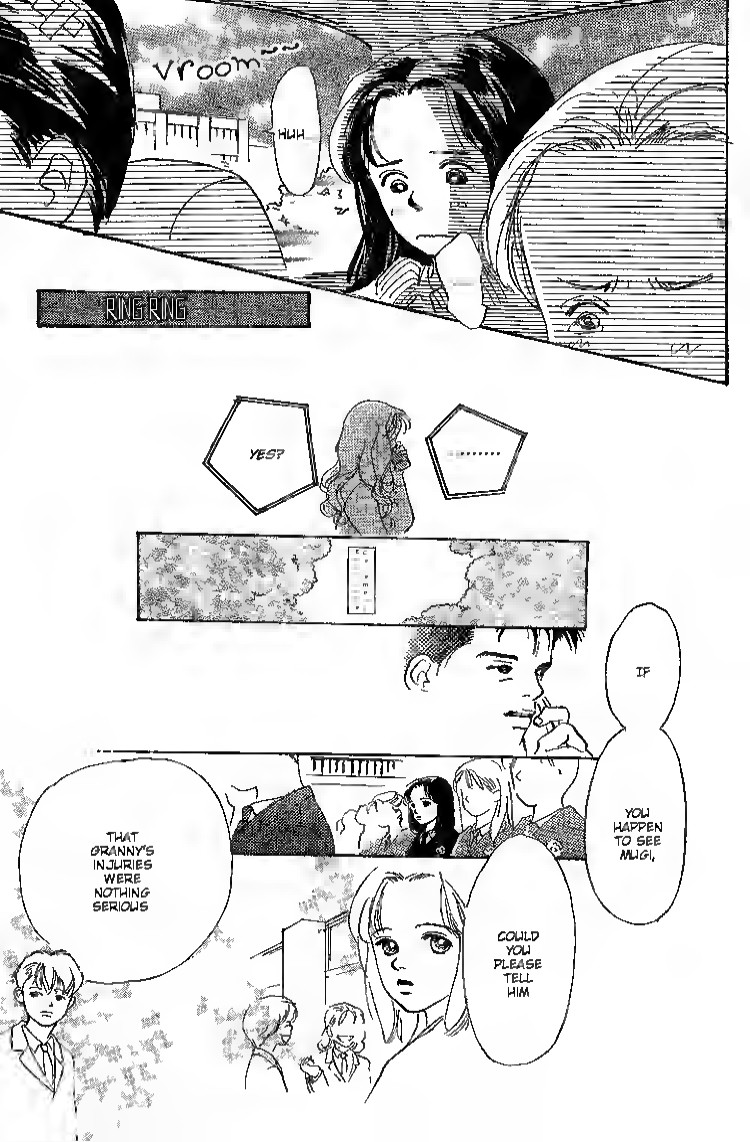
OH
HE WAS ALWAYS CRASHING AT HIS FRIENDS' PLACES AND HE IS A GUY AFTER ALL
BUT HE'S PROBABLY OKAY,
ME000W
I'M SURE THAT HE'S ALL RIGHT
I'M... SURE OF IT!
UM...
PLEASE DON'T REPORT HIM MISSING TO THE POLICE OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, OKAY?
HUH...?
BUT... I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND...
I'D APPRECIATE THAT
ME000WW
ME000WW
ME000WW
YEAH YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT
Something FISHY is going on HERE!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S KIND OF SUSPICIOUS P!
"THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!"
ME000WW
"SHE'S A GOOD PERSON."


A LONG TIME AGO,
"IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAME HERE THAT "
MUGI WAS MISSING
WHEN WE GOT HOME AFTER YOU WERE TREATED FOR IT,
WHEN YOU GOT A BAD STOMACH-ACHE,
HE WAS CROUCHED DOWN IN THE BUSHES OVER THERE
AND I HAPPENED TO GLANCE OVER AT THE WINDOW,
"MUGI!"
WHEN WE GOT BACK TO THE HOUSE THOUGH,
WE SEARCHED ALL OVER FOR HIM BUT WE COULDN'T FIND HIM

I told Mugi

that this wasn't his home.

SMACK
Flinch
EXCUSE ME?
...
THAT AN OLD HAG LIKE ME HAS TO SUFFER LIKE THIS!
IT'S THANKS TO YOU
YOU WALK ON TIPTOES AROUND YOUR OWN CHILD——
YOU ALWAYS MAKE MISTAKES LIKE THIS!
YOU WERE THE ONE AVOIDING HIM!
JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE APART FOR SO MANY YEARS——
GIVES YOU NO EXCUSE TO NOT EVEN HAVE AN INKLING OF WHERE HE COULD'VE GONE OFF TO!


vroom~~
HUH
RING RING
YES?
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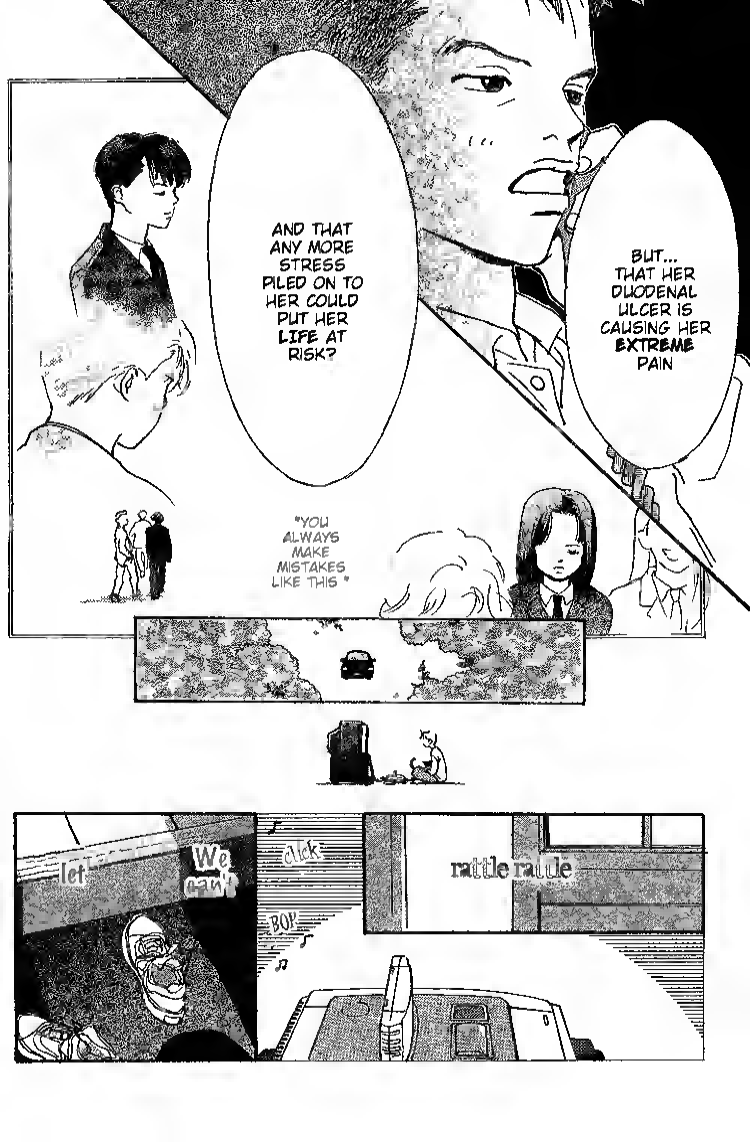
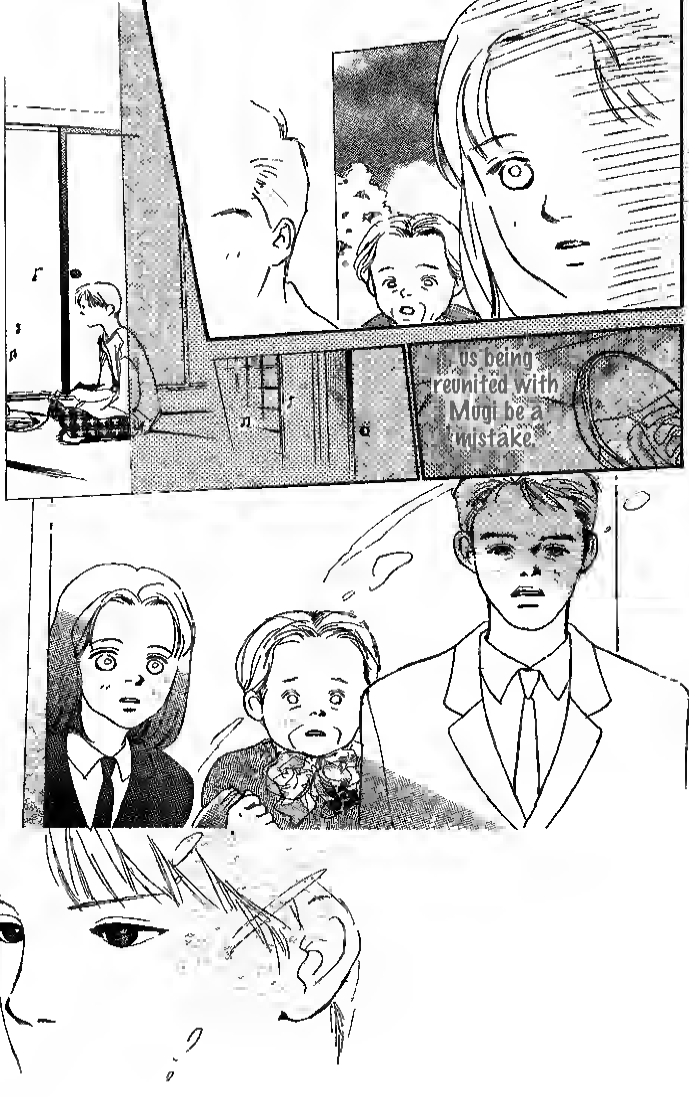
IF
YOU HAPPEN TO SEE MUGI,
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL HIM
THAT GRANNY'S INJURIES WERE NOTHING SERIOUS


BUT... THAT HER DUODENAL ULCER IS CAUSING HER EXTREME PAIN
AND THAT ANY MORE STRESS PILED ON TO HER COULD PUT HER LIFE AT RISK?
"YOU ALWAYS MAKE MISTAKES LIKE THIS "
let
We can't
click
rattle rattle
BOP


Us being reunited with Mugi be a mistake.

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BEEP!
Clonk
WELCOME HOME.
clip
YOU'RE ALIVE.

OH?
YES, I'M ALIVE
"PLEASE BE NICER TO GRANNY."
squeeeze
YOU'RE HURTING ME.
IS THIS

FROM DUODENAL ULCER SO MUCH
THE OLD HAG THAT'S HURTING
THAT HER LIFE IS AT RISK?!
squeeze
WHEN SHE FELL...
MUGI,
I WAS SO PANICKED....
I'M REALLY SORRY!

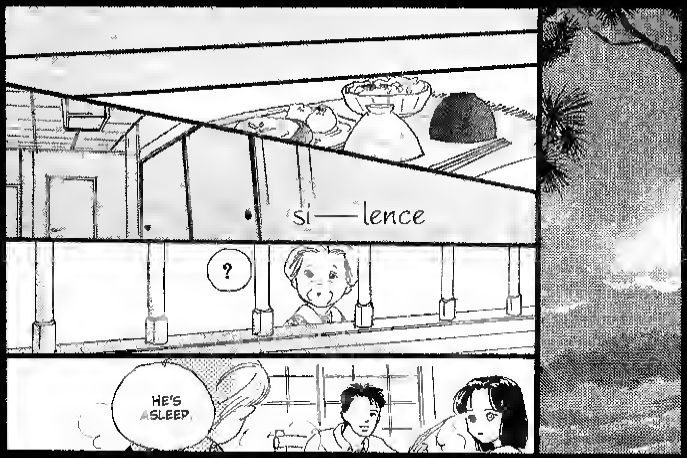
AND THERE WAS JUST A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER STUFF RUNNING CIRCLES IN MY MIND...
THAT SHE MIGHT DIE...
I WAS AFRAID...
THAT WAY...
I DON'T ACTUALLY THINK...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY WHAT I DID...
I'M JUST REALLY SORRY!
THAT I...
I WAS JUST SO SCARED!...
"I'M SORRY."
I...
I'M...
SORRY...

SHE TOLD YOU A LITTLE WHITE LIE.
FORGIVE HER THOUGH, WON'T YOU?
DON'T TOUCH ME.

I'M SORRY
clatter

REALLY SCARED TOO, YOU KNOW
I WAS
IT MADE ME THINK——
IS SOMEONE GOING TO DIE AGAIN?
click
DASHES
THUD

"SAHO?"




I was scared.

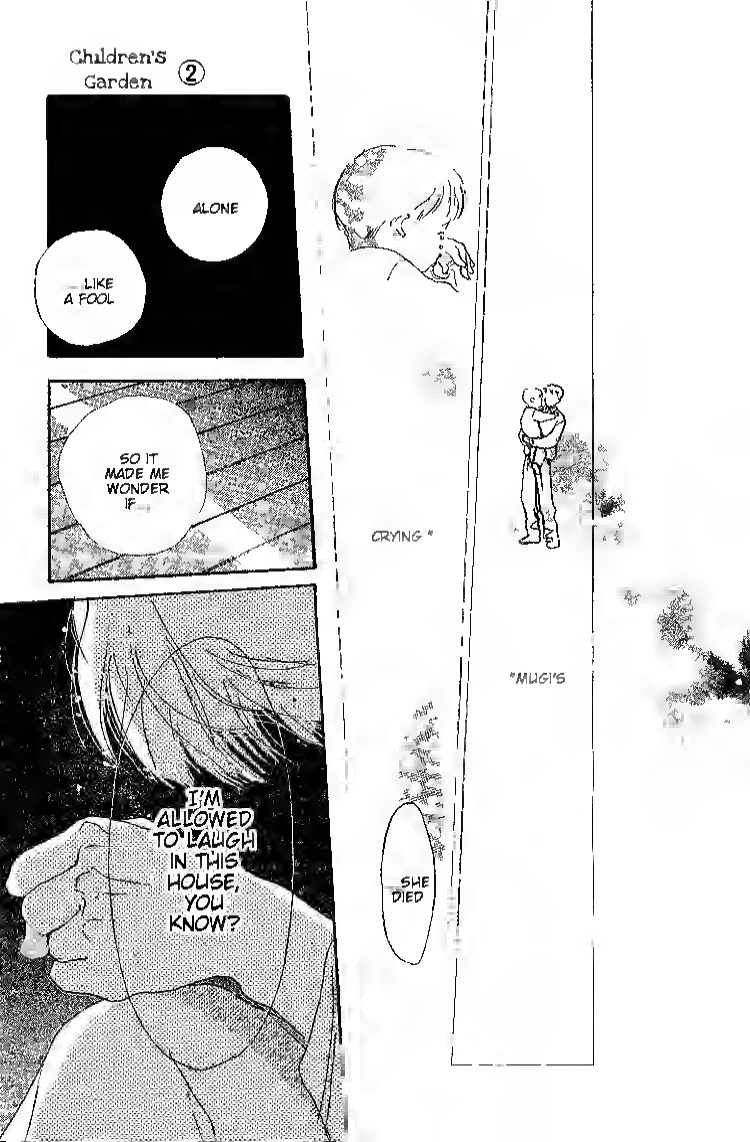
Ishouyo Scans

ONII-CHAN.
ONII-CHAN,
AREN'T YOU HUNGRY?
SWISH

WHOA
HER PARENTS ARE LOADED SO SHE HAS HER OWN PLACE
YEAH,
DOES FUSE-SAN LIVE BY HERSELF?
YOU EAT THE PICKLED PLUM ONE
WHAT'S IN IT?
COD ROE, SALMON, AND PICKLED PLUM
IF I EAT AT NIGHT THOUGH, I'LL GET FAT!
munch
Them don't matter
-crackers-
WHAT?
SHE'S ON HIS SIDE THOUGH
I THOUGHT FOR A SECOND THAT YOU MIGHT BE AT SAKURAI-SAN'S
Yes siree!
YEAH, NO KIDDING
THAT'S LIKE, THE BEST HIDING PLACE EVER THEN!
TODAY WAS MY HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY——
I kind of have the feeling that our convo's not really meshing
AND
I GOT DUMPED 'CAUSE WE SAID I HAVE A "BROTHER COMPLEX".
N-NO... WE JUST AUTOMATICALLY MOVE UP FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL.
Why do you say that?
W-WHAT?!
ARE THE PEOPLE THAT GO TO YOUR SCHOOL PRETTY STUPID?
IF YOU TRY TO GET IN FROM HIGH SCHOOL, YOU HAVE TO STUDY PRETTY HARD!
OH YEAH, I HAVE A TEST TOMORROW.

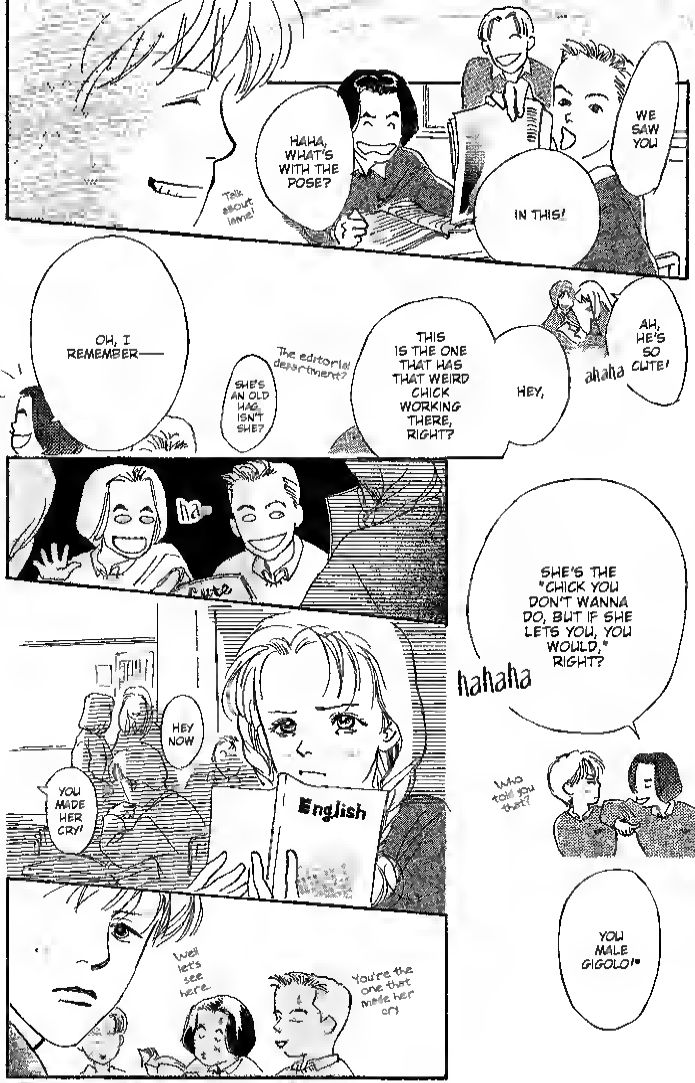
BUT HE IGNORED ME
OUR EYES MET,
AND AFTER THE CEREMONY
WE ENDED UP BEING IN DIFFERENT CLASSES,
OH
I KNEW IT!
SHUT UP, BITCH
BULLSEYE!
WELL, I'VE GOT A MOTHER COMPLEX
SHE HAD THE WORST TASTE IN GUYS THOUGH
I WAS ALWAYS PISSED OFF AT HER FOR THAT

HER BIGGEST MISTAKE THOUGH...
WAS LEAVING THIS HOUSE.


ALONE
...LIKE A FOOL
SO IT MADE ME WONDER IF...
I'M ALLOWED TO LAUGH IN THIS HOUSE, YOU KNOW?
SHE DIED
"MUGI'S
CRYING "

IF I DO,
THEN IT'S LIKE,
WHAT WAS THE POINT IN HER SUFFERING THE WAY SHE DID,
YOU KNOW...?
YEAH
YEAH

All we need to do is talk.
YEAH
MUGI-CHAN! WHAT ABOUT YOUR BREAKFAST?!
burp
.....
I ATE LATE LAST NIGHT SO
It doesn't matter whether friends in tears or anger
2-1
MUSE
MUSE
MU-GI-!
I'm not like you
I will
(mmf)
YOU HAVE A TEST TODAY, DON'T YOU?!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE IF YOU DON'T EAT!


Talk about lame!
HAHA, WHAT'S WITH THE POSE?
WE SAW YOU IN THIS!
AH, HE'S SO CUTE!
ahaha
HEY, THIS IS THE ONE THAT HAS THAT WEIRD CHICK WORKING THERE, RIGHT?
The editorial department?
SHE'S AN OLD HAG, ISN'T SHE?
OH, I REMEMBER——
ha
SHE'S THE "CHICK YOU DON'T WANNA DO, BUT IF SHE LETS YOU, YOU WOULD," RIGHT?
hahaha
Who told you that?
YOU MALE GIGOLO!*
English
HEY NOW
YOU MADE HER CRY!
Well let's see here.
You're the one that made her cry

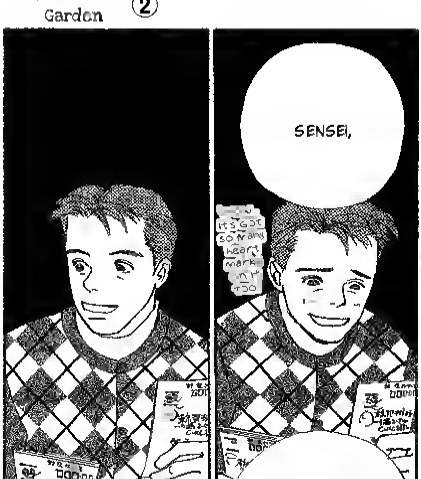
* Gigolos are handsome, cultured men who receive money, housing and other gifts from a rich older woman in return for spending time with her (in or out of the bedroom)

All we have to do is talk.
YOU KNOW YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME, DON'T YOU, KAORI?
whistles
WELL I DO COME IN HANDY
WHEN YOU RUN AWAY FROM HOME, DON'T I?
.....
AND SINCE YOU CAN BORROW THE FAMICOM GAMES
FROM ME
SWISH
SWISH

YOU'RE MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN THAT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
BUT, I WONDER WHO'LL BE ABLE TO BEAT MY 10 YEARS WORTH OF LOVE FOR YOU?
WELL,
THERE'S NO NEED
FOR YOU TO SETTLE DOWN JUST YET.
SWISH SWISH
...
.....

DING DONG

THESE ARE ALL FAN LETTERS FOR MUGI-CHAN!
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S AMAZING?!
WOW
Hm?
IT'S EVEN MORE THAN YOU, SENSEI!
To be honest
WE'VE GOTTEN LOTS OF CALLS REGARDING HIM IN THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT TOO!
I'M SURE IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE HE'S ASKED TO
BUFF
BOP!
CLANK
YOU GOT IT PIERCED AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
HUH?


SENSEI,
MY TRANSFER'S BEEN DECIDED

BUT I VERY MUCH ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU

IT WAS FOR A VERY SHORT DURATION,
I'LL BE WORKING MY HARDEST IN THE SHOUJO MANGA DEPARTMENT NEXT.

THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING.
...I'LL TREASURE THIS ALWAYS.
"YOU
ALWAYS
MAKE MISTAKES."
CLATTER

SHE COULD'VE TOLD US ALL THIS OVER THE PHONE,
SLAP
BUT SHE MADE UP SOME STUPID EXCUSE TO COME HERE!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
GO AFTER HER!!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY MOM RAN OFF ON YOU! WHY HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED THAT, MORON?!

later
DASHES
YOU'RE GOING TO GET AN EARFUL FROM ME LATER! JUST YOU WAIT!
Wow! and he just disappeared
suprised
pats

Moves Item
WHAT?
WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!
AND NOW BEING DUMPED!
MY "BROTHER COMPLEX" TO YOUR "MOTHER COMPLEX",
Just kidding!
SNICKERS
WHAT ARE YOU, A MORON? DON'T COME CLOSE TO ME!
MORON!
AH...
...HE DIED
dun dun dun
Mugi-chan
Kaorin
Cha-gu—
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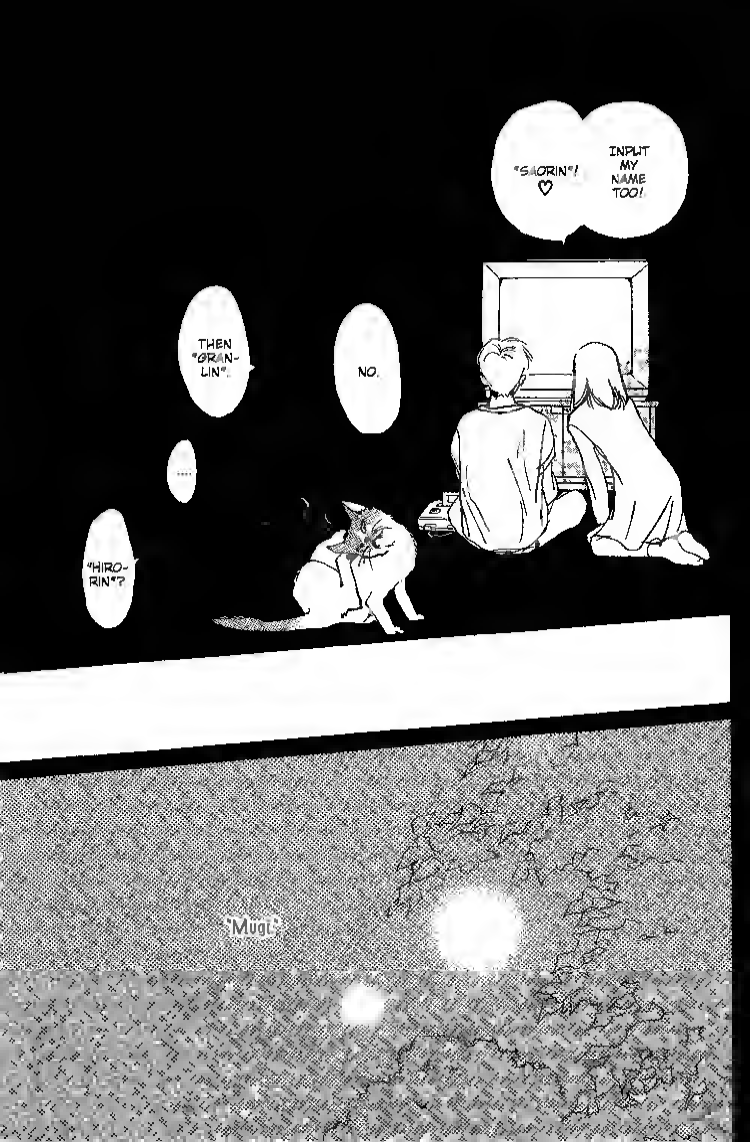
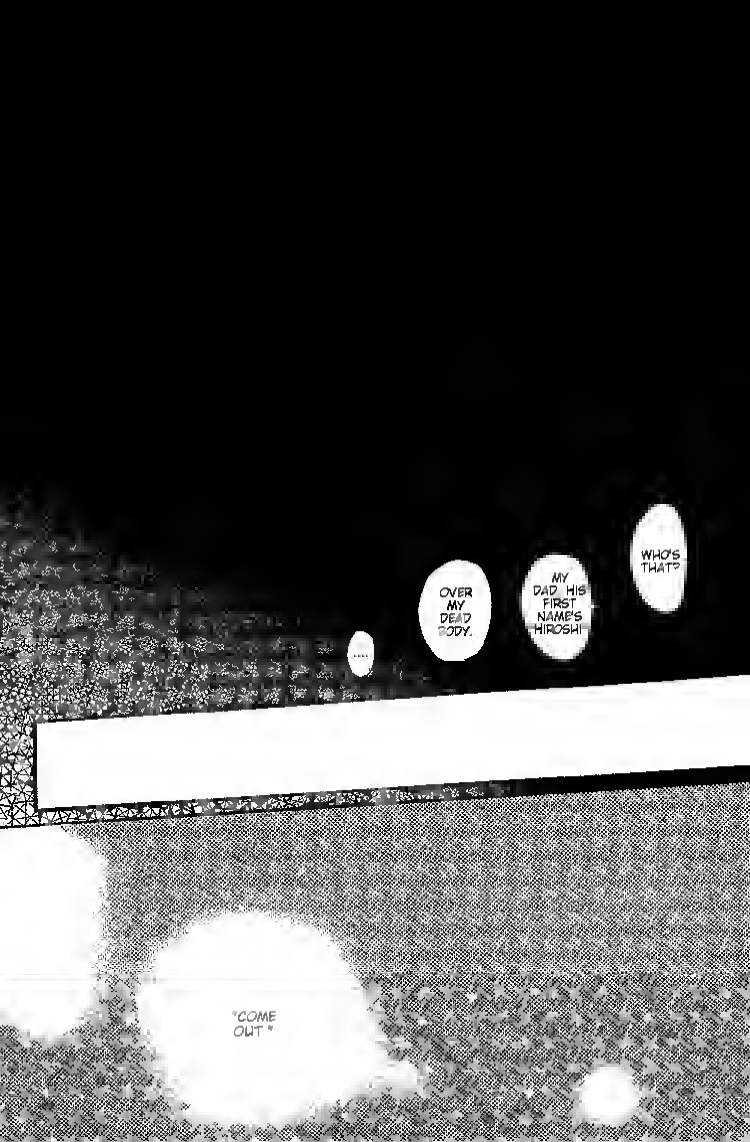
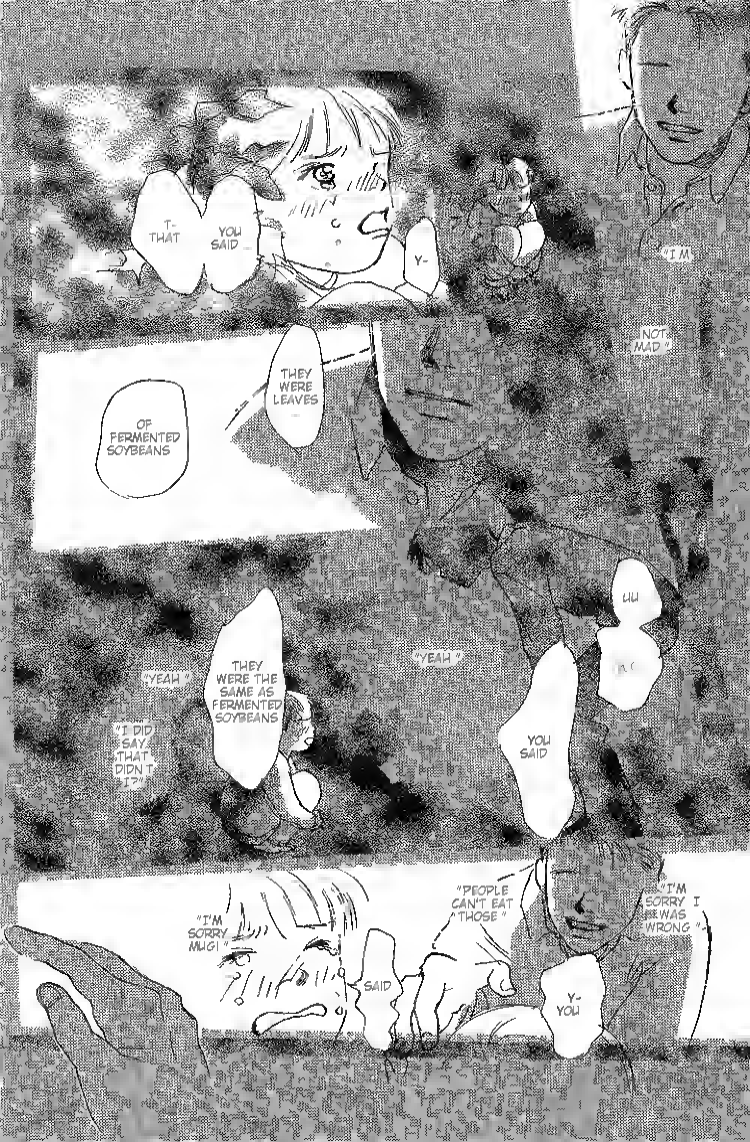
YOU SHOULDN'T JUST GIVE UP
'CAUSE HE TOLD YOU SOMETHING RETARDED LIKE THAT.


"SAORIN"! ♡
INPUT MY NAME TOO!
NO.
THEN "GRAN-LIN".
....
"HIRO-RIN"?
Mugi


"COME OUT."
....
OVER MY DEAD BODY.
MY DAD HIS FIRST NAME'S HIROSHI!
WHO'S THAT?


T-THAT
YOU SAID
Y-
"I'M NOT MAD."
THEY WERE LEAVES
OF FERMENTED SOYBEANS
UH
"YEAH."
THEY WERE THE SAME AS FERMENTED SOYBEANS
"YEAH."
"I DID SAY THAT DIDN'T I?"
YOU SAID
"PEOPLE CAN'T EAT THOSE."
"I'M SORRY I WAS WRONG."
"I'M SORRY MUGI."
SAID
Y-YOU

"I'M SORRY"
sniff
hic
DAR-LING
IS
GOING TO DIE?
THERE'S NO WAY IN THE WORLD THAT'D HAPPEN!

I've decided!
I'm going to say "Hello" to
Ishouju Scans

JUST IGNORE 'EM!
JL
JT
OH, AND THEY ASKED FOR A PIC TOO.
THEY ASKED ME TO GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH ...
MUGI-CHANNNN ~
IT'S
THIS HOUSE RIGHT HERE!
I WONDER IF HE'S HOME?
BUT THE LAST NAME'S DIFFERENT.
WHY DON'T YOU SIGN IT FOR 'EM?
No one would want my sig!
HEY~ COME ON, DON'T BE SO COLD~
I'm Beggin' ya here!
What happened to that cool line you whipped out the other day huh?
HUH?
WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE EATING?
munch
MUGI-CHOCO♥
Sola and Gin makes~
MUNCH
rustle rustle
munch
munch
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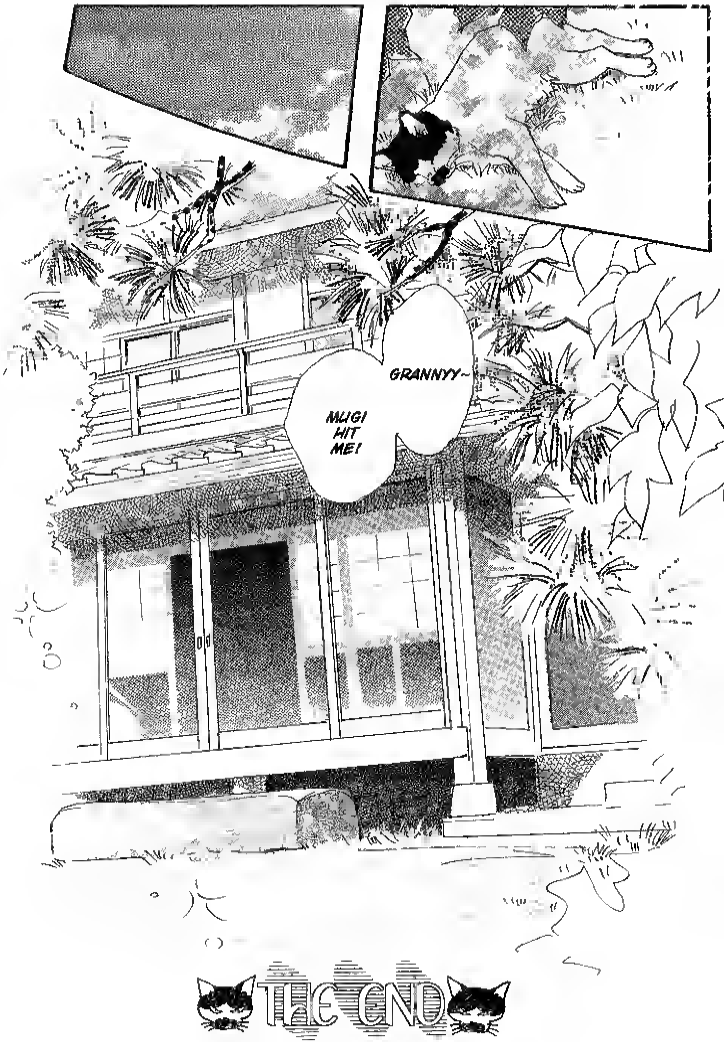
GRANNYY~
MUGI HIT ME!
THE END